

The McCreary County Board of Education met in Special Session on Monday, May 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board's Central Office. Chairman Barnett welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Present were Johnny Barnett, Braxton King, Cody Perry and Estle Swain. Absent from the meeting were Stacey Hammons. Also present were school system staff.

A part of this Special Board meeting will be by video teleconferencing, in keeping with the requirements of KRS 61.826. The primary location of the video teleconference is the McCreary County Board of Education's Central Office, 120 Raider Way, Stearns, KY. The video teleconferencing is being made to include Board Member, Cody Perry, in order to accommodate his unavailability in attending the meeting at its physical location.

Chairman Barnett asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. Board Member, Cody Perry said it was a good idea to utilize this space of 5,000 square feet at McCreary County Middle School. Board Member, Braxton King agreed that it was a good idea and a cheaper route to do now than to try and build a separate building later on, cost wise, approximately \$500,000.

**APPROVE McCREARY COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT
CHANGE ORDER TO UTILIZE EXTRA SPACE PENDING KDE APPROVAL - #10990**

A motion was made by Mr. Estle Swain and a second by Mr. Cody Perry to approve McCreary County Middle School Renovation Project Change Order to Utilize Extra Space pending KDE (Kentucky Department of Education) approval. Members voted as follows:

Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE; King – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Perry – AYE

Board Member King shared his concern for a hiring freeze for the entire district as the agenda item reads. Chairman Barnett commented that the agenda item says district freeze, but he has a motion that is more specific. Chairman Barnett read his motion (not as a motion-just sharing information) at this time. He said the motion reads as follows: that we implement a hiring freeze on administrative positions, Central Office jobs: Director of Districtwide Services and Director of Transportation until July 1, 2023; and any of those jobs currently posted have the posting deadline extended until July 1, 2023. This freeze shall not include any jobs on the Augment Grant. Board Member, King confirmed there were two positions holding at this time and the other vacancies will be processed as usual.

APPROVE HIRING FREEZE ON ADMINISTRATIVE POSTIONS, CENTRAL OFFICE JOBS - #10991

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny Barnett and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to implement a hiring freeze on administrative positions, Central Office jobs: Director of Districtwide Services and Director of Transportation until July 1, 2023; and any of those jobs currently posted have the posting deadline extended until July 1, 2023. This freeze shall not include any jobs on the Augment Grant. Members voted as follows:

Barnett – AYE; King – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE

APPROVE ADJOURN - #10992

A motion was made by Mr. Cody Perry and a second by Mr. Estle Swain to adjourn. Members voted as follows:

King – AYE; Hammons – Absent; Perry – AYE; Swain – AYE; Barnett – AYE

Chairman

Secretary